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NEAR EAST RELIEF

REPORT TO CONGRESS FOR 1925

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
151 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK
1926

A map, showing centers of Near East Relief work during the past year.

March 30, 1926.

To the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States:

Sirs:

In accordance with the act of incorporation of Near East Relief, approved by the President August 6, 1919, we submit herewith report for the year ending December 31, 1925, in the form of—

1. Report of the Executive Committee to the Board of Trustees for the calendar year 1925, as presented at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees March 4, 1926.

2. Treasurer's report for the calendar year 1925.

3. Auditor's report for the calendar year 1925.

4. Report of the General Secretary for 1925 as submitted at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees March 4, 1926.

5. Officers and members who have served on the Board of Trustees during the year.

6. List of state offices with local chairmen and treasurers.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) CHARLES V. VICKREY,
General Secretary.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

Organization and Administration in the United States

The following persons, named by Congress in the Act of Incorporation or later duly elected, have served during the year 1925 as members of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee:

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REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

TO THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Executive Committee Meetings

During the year covered by this report, January 1 to December 31, 1925, regular monthly meetings of the Executive Committee have been held except during the summer months. Special conferences and subcommittee meetings have been held when occasion demanded between the regular meetings of the Executive Committee. The minutes of these committee meetings have been sent regularly to all members of the Board of Trustees, together with the accompanying financial statements, cablegrams, and reports from the field of relief operations. The official copies of these minutes are formally submitted herewith to the Board of Trustees as a part of this report.

Changes in the Board of Trustees

With gratitude we note that during the past year there have been no changes, occasioned by death, resignation, or other causes in the membership of the Board of Trustees of Near East Relief.

Overseas Organization

During the past year, under the direction of Mr. Barclay Acheson, our Director General of Overseas Operations, there has been further co-ordination and unification of control of the administration of the various relief areas. The approach toward peace-time stability of government and increased ease of communication have made it possible to replace the local Administrative Committees that formerly directed the administration in each area and to co-ordinate all overseas operations under one Director General, guided by one Overseas Advisory Committee, composed of representative Americans resident in the

A corner of the classroom in Greece's first school for deaf mutes, maintained by Near East Relief in Athens, where the most advanced modern methods of lip reading and speech cultivation are used.

various areas. This policy has contributed greatly to increased efficiency, co-ordination, a more effective educational program, and the development of industrial self-support as well as to economy and financial standardization.

Reports from Visiting Trustees and Advisory Committee Members

During the year under review a considerable number of trustees and members of co-operating or advisory committees have inspected the orphanages and other activities of Near East Relief, and have made helpful reports to the Executive Committee and officers. Among those whose reports have been especially valuable are Dr. James L. Barton, who visited Constantinople, Greece, Syria, Palestine and Egypt officially as Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Bishop Warren L. Rogers, Dr. John Timothy Stone, Dr. F. W. Burnham, Dr. Abraham E. Cory, Dr. Chester B. Emerson, Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Dr. George Stewart, Mr. G. W. Ochs-Oakes, Mr. E. T. Colton, Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, Dr. Fridjof Nansen, Dr. Thornton Penfield, Father Francis F. Duffy, Dr. Mark A. Matthews, Mr. Frank P. Mac-

Lennan, Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dr. E. W. MacDowell, President Casey M. Sills, Dr. Orin W. Fifer, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick and Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart.

The more or less formal reports received from those named are but typical of the much larger number of informal but uniformly encouraging reports that are almost daily received from visiting tourists and others who have opportunity to visit and study American philanthropic work in the Near East.

Response of the American Public

We are informed by the executive officers who have had closest contact with the contributing public that the spirit of cooperation on the part of volunteer committee-men and contributors has been more pronounced and encouraging than ever before in the history of the organization. This, we feel, is in large measure due to the spiritual note that has characterized the appeal and especially to the practical challenge and inspiration of the Golden Rule as applied in the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday.

Co-operation of State, County, and Local Volunteer Committees

The sustained support and devotion to the interests of orphaned childhood in the Near East and the increased income of the past year are due in large measure to the faithful service of volunteer committees in various states, cities, and communities. Our reports show that there are now 6,270 active committees, enrolling more than 20,000 committee members and volunteer workers who are known to have contributed their services during the past year. There are doubtless many other committees and volunteer workers of whom we have no record in our National Office. Most of these chairmen of county committees or local representatives recognize that the children whom they have helped to save must be educated and equipped for life service or the expenditures of the past will be

largely nullified. To these chairmen-leaders and volunteer helpers we wish to extend assurance of deep appreciation of their continued service and co-operation.

Co-operation of Advisory Committees

An equally important factor in the sustained nation-wide interest has been the increasingly effective work of co-operating advisory committees, representing various national organizations. The universal challenge and unifying power of the Golden Rule is doubtless responsible in large measure for the increasing number and effectiveness of these national advisory committees. National organizations of all types: religious, educational, fraternal, patriotic, labor unions, industrial, agricultural, and social service, have not only passed resolutions at their national conventions endorsing the child welfare program of Near East Relief and the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday, but have officially appointed advisory committees to co-operate in appealing to their membership. An incomplete list of these advisory committees, appointed by the national assembly or highest council of various religious organizations, by the World Sunday School Association, the National Educational Association, the International Federation of Labor, the World Society of Christian Endeavor, and other young people's societies, the Farm Bureau Federation, the Grange, the Boy Scouts, the National Women's Federation, commercial clubs, and other organizations, are submitted in connection with this report. Formal reports from 70 of these committees are also presented in mimeographed form as a supplementary report. It has been this voluntary service on a titanic scale, varied, efficient, and continuous, that has made possible the international service of Near East Relief. There has, at the same time, been reciprocal benefit in the service. Educational leaders in charge of public and private schools as well as commercial and industrial leaders, have eagerly welcomed this opportunity to serve the under-privileged children of the world because of the reflex educational and character-building value of such service upon our own national life.

A thousand meals at one sitting. During the year Near East Relief has served 35,562,463 meals and rations.

International Fellowship of the Golden Rule

The observance of International Golden Rule Sunday has broadened and enriched the experiences of those who are endeavoring to help to heal the wounds of war and minister to the orphans and destitute. Our records show that citizens of fifty countries contributed to the financial returns of the past year and thereby ministered to the orphans of the Near East. Pupils in two girls' schools in Japan have adopted and pledged funds with which to sponsor two orphan girls in Armenia until they have attained self-support, while Baron Shibusawa and members of the Japanese House of Lords join in this practical expression of international goodwill and fellowship. From the hermit nation of Tibet as well as from other scarcely less remote lands of the East, West, North, and South, Golden Rule offerings have been received, attesting to the universal brotherhood of mankind. In our own country, while there are numerous lapses of contributions due to death and other causes, there has been a surprisingly large number of new contributors. The Golden Rule campaign frequently reveals a contribution list on which as many as 50% of the contributors appear upon our records for the first time. It is hoped that by better organization we may have something approaching a universal observance or world fellowship of the Golden Rule

and that with the co-operation of kindred associations in other countries we may make a substantial contribution not only to the saving of lives and to the education of the orphan children of the Near East but to the establishment of international goodwill and world peace on the principle of the Golden Rule.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN M. BULKLEY, *Chairman.*

March 4, 1926.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year January 1 to December 31, 1925

Receipts

During the year ended December 31st, 1925, the total income of Near East Relief from all sources amounted to $4,752,239.25. Of the total receipts for the year ended December 31st, 1925, $4,508,468.21 were received for general relief, $146,841.05 for individual relief, and $96,929.99 specifically designated for expenses including $49,540.69 to cover the expenses of the Golden Rule Campaign.

General Contributions

The general contributions of $4,508,468.21 include, in addition to contributions for the Near East Relief regular Child Welfare program, special designated funds totaling $79,561.18. In the main, these funds are designated for purposes outside the regular program of Near East Relief but cover a real need which Near East Relief might be called upon to meet if these funds were not made available. Near East Relief is glad to co-operate in transmitting these funds overseas and to assist in their distribution. In this way Near East Relief has been able to assist materially the Armenian Red Cross, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the Sivas Reconstruction Union, the Hairenik Association of Boston and numerous other organizations and societies.

Scholarship Fund

One of the significant gifts of the year was the Melkon Markarian Scholarship Fund totaling $7,500.00. Melkon Markarian, an Armenian resident of Fresno, California, upon his death some years ago, left a group of Armenians, as trustees, a fund amounting to $7,500.00 which they were to administer for the benefit of Armenians according to their best judgment. During the year these trustees voted that the funds should be turned over to Near East Relief, or its successors, to establish a perma-

nent "Melkon Markarian Memorial Scholarship" for agricultural and industrial training for four or more Armenian boys. The principal of this fund has been invested and the interest therefrom will be applied each year for scholarships, as designated. Four outstanding Armenian orphan boys already have been granted special educational training in agriculture as a result of this gift.

Legacies

Near East Relief is gradually getting a deeper hold on the American people, as evidenced by the fact that more and more people are including Near East Relief in their wills.

The Treasurer's office has received and acknowledged numerous communications during the year from lawyers stating that their clients desire to include Near East Relief in their wills. Some of these cases have been recorded, but the majority have preferred to remain anonymous. This is significant of the hold that Near East Relief has upon its contributors who desire that the work to which they have contributed during their lifetime shall not cease upon their death.

Nation-wide Constituency

That the contributions to this general fund come from a wide-spread nation-wide constituency is evidenced by the fact that during the year 1925 Near East Relief issued 326,135 Official Receipts. Many of these receipts are issued to treasurers of co-operating organizations and represent the actual contributions of hundreds and even thousands of contributors. It may be conservatively estimated that the number of contributors within the year considerably exceeded one million.

Sponsorships

Under the Direct Sponsorship Plan of Near East Relief, instituted during 1925, 559 individuals have sponsored 636 Near East orphans for periods ranging from five to ten years. Each sponsorship represents a pledge of

$100.00 a year for five to ten years to bring one child now in a Near East Relief orphanage to the age of self support. Although all that is required is payment on an annual basis, a number of the sponsorships have been paid in full and advance payments placed in a Sponsorship Reserve Fund.

Individual Relief

The contributions for individual relief, shown as $146,-841.05, represent 3,156 individual transfers of remittances to refugees and children in the Near East supported or helped directly by their relatives and friends in America. As the general economic conditions of the countries in the Near East improve, the need for this kind of relief diminishes. Near East Relief, therefore, is gradually reducing this phase of its work and the 3,156 transfers, totaling $146,841.05, which were forwarded during 1925 represent a considerable reduction under other years. This is evidenced by the fact that during 1924, 5,019 individual remittance transfers were put through totaling $285,674.54 and in 1923, 7,866 such items totaling $642,-993.85 were consummated. It is estimated that each remittance serves a family of four or five persons so that during the year 1925 this service assisted approximately twelve thousand individuals.

Expenditures for Relief

The expenditures for relief during 1925, amounting to $3,509,517.10, covered all expenditures for both general and individual relief and represented the total expenditures made for or on behalf of the overseas areas. During the year the expenditures for the Caucasus were $1,522,-574.48; for Athens, $1,071,729.56; for Syria, $623,022.78; for Persia, $61,033.41; for the Constantinople Office, $51,-950.95; for the Paris Office, $9,912.32; for warehousing, shipping, and general miscellaneous undesignated relief, $169,293.60.

This indicates that 43.39% of the total expenditures were incurred in the Caucasus; 30.54% in Greece; 17.75% in

Syria and Palestine; 1.74% in Persia; 1.48% in Constantinople; .28% in Paris, and 4.82% for warehousing, shipping, and general miscellaneous undesignated relief.

Average Cost

The average cost of caring for children in the orphanage for the year was $98.32. This covered the entire care of the child and is the basis on which Near East Relief appeals to the American public for sponsorships at the rate of $100.00 per year.

Foreign Auditor's Statement

With respect to the relief accounts for the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1925, Russell & Company, Chartered Accountants, with offices at Egypt, Greece and Turkey, Auditors of our foreign accounts, have sent the following cablegram:

January 27, 1926.

"NEAREAST
NEW YORK

IN CONNECTION WITH THE RUNNING AUDIT CARRIED OUT BY US WE HAVE TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE COMPLETED THE AUDIT OF THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS OF THE FOREIGN OFFICES OF THE NEAR EAST RELIEF IN THE ATHENS BEIRUT AND CAUCASUS AREAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1925 AND SUBJECT TO THE DETAILED REPORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY US PERIODICALLY WE HAVE FOUND THE OPERATIONS TO BE CORRECTLY STATED AND SUFFICIENTLY VOUCHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN TO US AND AS SHOWN BY THE BOOKS AND THE FUNDS TO HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FINANCIAL ADVICES RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK AS FAR AS WE ARE IN A POSITION TO JUDGE THE FUNDS APPEAR TO US TO HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED EFFICIENTLY AND ECONOMICALLY.

RUSSELL & COMPANY,
Chartered Accountants."

Disbursements for Expense

From the total receipts of $4,752,239.25, there was disbursed for National Headquarters administration, publicity and field department expense the sum of $709,427.04, indicating an expense ratio of 14.93%. It should be noted,

however, that $96,929.99 was contributed specifically for the payment of expenses. If this amount, therefore, be deducted both from the total receipts and from the expenses, it would make the net receipts $4,655,309.26 and the expenses $612,497.05, or an expense ratio of 13.16%. It should also be noted that while the receipts for 1925 were $486,916.62 more than they were for 1924, the gross expenses were $38,992.56 less than for 1924.

Survey

During the summer, the Treasurer's Office co-operated with the Survey Committee appointed by the Executive Committee to "investigate and report on the home administration of Near East Relief." This Survey Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurer's office, made a complete investigation of the administrative and campaign organizations in America and rendered a detailed report in which specific reductions were outlined. This report was submitted to the Executive Committee in October and by them approved with the understanding that the reductions submitted were to be put into effect as rapidly as possible. Some of these reductions have already been put into effect as evidenced by the reduction of $38,992.56 under last year. The majority of the reductions, however, will be felt after January 1st, 1926. It is anticipated that the total savings to be realized as a result of this survey during the period of a year after its approval will total $288,720.00.

Budget

In connection with the disbursements in general, it should be noted that Near East Relief has conducted its financial affairs on a carefully worked out budget system and at all times found itself well within the budget.

During the year the Acting Treasurer visited the Near East and together with the Overseas Director General, the foreign auditors, and the foreign accounting staffs developed a budget plan and budget control for the over-

seas areas which will help to point out economies and keep down expenditures in the future. This budget, together with a similar budget for the home field recommended by the Home Survey Committee, was adopted by the Executive Committee and remains in force until June 30, 1926.

Comparsion Showing Improvement in 1925 over 1924

At the end of 1924 there was a net deficit in Cash and Securities of $399,591.41.

At December 31st, 1925, this deficit had been eliminated and there was a net surplus in Cash and Securities of $78,236.78, making an improvement during the year in Cash and Securities amounting to $477,828.19. Other miscellaneous assets in the form of real estate, furniture and fixtures, deferred expense, accounts receivable, etc., increased $55,466.92 bringing the improvement during the year up to $533,295.11.

Domestic Auditors' Report

Appended hereto is a report submitted by Hurdman & Cranstoun, Certified Public Accountants, Auditors of our domestic accounts, covering their audit of the accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEVELAND E. DODGE.

(For Cleveland H. Dodge, Honorary Treasurer)

HURDMAN & CRANSTOUN
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
350 Madison Avenue,
New York City

February 11, 1926.

Mr. C. V. Vickrey, General Secretary,
Near East Relief,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

We have audited the financial records of the NEAR EAST RELIEF for the year ended December 31, 1925, and submit our report in the accompanying statements and the following comments.

A statement of receipts and disbursements for the period is given under Exhibit "A".

The items making up the net surplus of $235,066.03 are shown on Exhibit "B".

Since our financial examination and audit of your accounts in the Constantinople, Caucasus and Syria areas, conducted during 1920, we have exercised no control over your foreign accounts except as represented by your New York books, nor have we in any way conducted an audit or supervised the financial transactions of the local or branch treasuries established by the Near East Relief in New York and other cities throughout the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

HURDMAN & CRANSTOUN.

NEAR EAST RELIEF

Exhibit "A"

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

January 1 to December 31, 1925

Deficit, December 31, 1924			$ 298,229.08
Receipts			
Contributions			
General Relief (Net)	$4,508,468.21		
Individual Relief	146,841.05	$4,655,309.26	
General Administration Expense Funds			
Contributions for Golden Rule Campaign Expense	49,540.69		
Contributions for Expense	34,494.51		
Discount Earned	1,156.05		
Interest on Bank Balances and Income from Loans and Securities	11,738.74	96,929.99	
Total Receipts (Net)			$4,752,239.25
			$4,454,010.17
Disbursements			
Relief Payments			
General Relief	3,363,361.93		
Individual Relief	146,155.17	3,509,517.10	
National Headquarters Expense			
General Administration	169,247.58		
Publicity	96,226.26		
Field Department	443,953.20		
Total National Headquarters Expense		709,427.04	
Total Disbursements			4,218,944.14
BALANCE, December 31, 1924			$ 235,066.03

NEAR EAST RELIEF

Exhibit "B"

BALANCE OF CASH, SECURITIES, DEFERRED EXPENSE AND SUSPENSE

December 31, 1925

Cash in Banks			
Bankers Trust Company, New York City		$ 59,549.92	
Farmers Loan and Trust Company, New York City		1,057.47	
Guaranty Trust Company, New York City		1,028.92	
Guaranty Trust Company, Paris, France		1,041.98	
National City Bank, New York City		339,943.98	
National City Bank (Compound Interest Account) New York City		9,935.72	
On Deposit in Various Out-of-Town Banks		147,872.43	
Provident Loan and Trust Company, Philadelphia, Pa.		1,300.00	
		$561,730.42	
Cash Revolving Funds			
Beirut, Syria	$ 10,000.00		
Foreign Director General's office— Constantinople, Turkey	20,000.00		
Leninakan, Russia (Formerly known as Alexandropol)	35,000.00		
Paris, France	1,000.00		
Tabriz, Persia	5,000.00	71,000.00	
Total Cash			$632,730.42
Securities	*Par Value*	*Book Value*	
Armenian Film Company, Inc.— Common Stock	$ 50.00	$ 2.00	
Associated Congregation in the City of Philadelphia Third 6% Mortgage, Due 1915	100.00	1.00	
Crown Hill Cemetery Association Bonds	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Eastern Finance Corporation			
Pre. Stock—4 Shs. of $50 Par Each	200.00	4.00	
Com. Stock—2 Shs. of $50 Par Each	100.00	2.00	
Midwest and Gulf Oil Corporation			
Pre. Stock—10 Shs. of $10 Par Each	100.00	1.00	
Com. Stock—10 Shs. of $10 Par Each	100.00	1.00	
Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company 5s, 1950	6,000.00	5,595.00	10,606.00
	$ 11,650.00		$643,336.42
Less			
Unpaid Drafts for Account of Agents in the Near East		$559,003.64	
Melkon Markarian Trust Fund		6,096.00	$565,099.64
Net Surplus in Cash and Securities			$ 78,236.78

Add		
Real Estate	5,750.00	
Warehouse Truck	651.52	
Furniture and Fixtures—National Headquarters Office (Less Depreciation)	44,436.18	
Advance and Suspense Items		
Deferred Expense—Domestic Field Solicitors and Others	38,041.03	
Sundry Items (Net)	67,950.52	156,829.25
SURPLUS, December 31, 1925		$235,066.03

Helping solve the riddle—ruins of the old and hope of the New Near East. Group from 700 Armenian girls from Greek orphanages placed in Armenian homes in Egypt.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

A New Youth Movement

A NEW youth movement is developing in the Near East. The child rescue and refugee feeding activities of Near East Relief are being succeeded by a more constructive educational program. Many agencies, including the long established American educational institutions, are having and will have an increasingly important part in this program of reconstruction. But the material with which they must work consists largely of the million and more persons whose lives have been saved by Near East Relief, a disproportionately large number of whom are orphan children. A recent resurvey and tabulation records 132,532 orphans as now enrolled or as having been enrolled in the orphanages of the Near East Relief. This figure—132,532—does not include the large number of children who have been fed in refugee camps nor the orphanage enrollment at a number of institutions in Central Turkey in 1920 and 1922, of which the records were destroyed. These children are the potential leaders of a new Near East and are sufficiently numerous to leaven the mass.

Orphanage and Child Welfare Service

The record for the past year shows that a total of 68,159 children were served. Of this number (all duplication eliminated) 21,907 were in the orphanages of Near East Relief; 8,769 were supported or subsidized in other orphanages or in homes; 1,428 were aided in special native schools; 5,519 were supervised and aided in homes; 17,414 were fed in hospitals, refugee camps, or through industrial relief; and 13,122 were served in clinics. A most significant fact is that 69% of the children in the orphanages of Near East Relief are under the "teen" age. A chart showing these percentages in greater detail will be found among the appendices to this report.

General Relief

The regular budget and limited undesignated funds of Near East Relief during the past year have been restricted

Orphan boys in the Caucasus gathering beet seed in a Near East Relief garden. Surplus garden seed is distributed among refugee farmers in an effort to assist rehabilitation.

to orphanage and child welfare work, but reports from tourists and other observers of conditions in refugee camps and elsewhere have led to special contributions either by these tourists or by organizations to which the facts were reported. Frequently these funds have been designated for special work of various types for widows or other dependents in the refugee camps. Wherever practicable these special contributions have been used to assist in providing some measure of self-support in connection with industrial relief enterprises. 7,721 persons were supported by work in refugee industries and institutions; 8,100 persons were fed through Near East Relief as agency for specially designated funds; 2,300 were given travel aid by way of repatriation to Russian Armenia; 62,449 were given medical aid in clinics with specially contributed medical funds; 5,064 persons were aided by individually transmitted funds; 17,172 persons were otherwise served in connection with refugee immigration and "lost relative" service; 576,600 were recipients of clothing; and the total number of individuals reached during the year 1925 was 747,565.

Institutions

A total of 118 institutions were supported or aided during the past year, classified as follows:

Nurses Training Schools	2
Industrial Orphanage Schools	3
Normal Training Schools	2
Farm or Gardening Schools	7
Schools for the Blind	5
Schools for Deaf Mutes	2
Schools for Orphan Defectives	3
Refugee Work Centers	5
Orphanage Centers	35
Hospitals and Clinics	45
Other Institutions	9
TOTAL INSTITUTIONS	118

Individual Training and Self-Support

No visitor who studies or observes the daily routine of any one of the orphanages of Near East Relief can entertain any misgivings as to the thrift and enterprise of these industrial beehives. Every child large enough to work has his or her appointed task with the best practicable training in service and trades. The primary purpose is education and preparation for life usefulness, but the practical character of this education is suggested by the fact that the children in the farm schools last year produced 238,252 pounds of beets; 220,000 pounds of cabbage; 188,000 pounds of potatoes; 24,000 pounds of carrots; 16,340 pounds of beans; 11,532 pounds of green corn; and other vegetables, all totaling 871,957 pounds, besides 2,059 bushels of grain, 1,143 tons of hay and 68 tons of meat and dairy products. One orphanage bakery reports the making of 270,000 loaves of bread monthly, one laundry report records 19,000 garments washed and ironed by the older girls and another orphanage reports the knitting of 7,200 pair of stockings.

Vocational Guidance

A survey of our manual training instruction in 1925 and the economic needs of the country revealed a distinct

shortage in the Near East of plumbers, electricians, and others skilled in the building trades. This shortage was accentuated by an enormous demand for construction in Greece due to the influx of 1,500,000 refugees from Turkey and the accumulated needs resulting from the war. Coincident with this shortage in the building trades, there was revealed a disconcerting over-supply of shoemakers and tailors. Steps were at once taken to train the children in those trades which give the largest promise of remunerative employment and effective service in meeting the economic needs of the country.

Two principles new to the Near East have been continuously stressed: (1) that manual or industrial training is at least as important, if not more important, in the Near East at the present time than the classical education which has heretofore received major emphasis; and (2) that each child should, if possible, be the master of more than one trade, thereby lessening the danger of recurring dependence and increasing the economic resources of the country. The fact that orphans graduated from our institutions are now filling such positions as special advisor on agricultural machinery to the Agricultural Bank of Erivan and providing the larger part of the teaching and medical nursing staff in various areas is evidence of the importance of this vocational guidance.

Outplaced Children

Throughout the year we have continued the policy of getting the children out of the orphanages and into homes or apprenticed in trades as rapidly as possible. But when one considers the impoverished condition of most of the homes of the Near East, the fact that most of these homes are already well provided with children, that a million or more refugees have been poured into the country to increase the congestion, and that from our orphanages in 1923, 14,159 children were outplaced in homes, with 15,048 additional outplacements in 1924, one can understand that the point of saturation must sooner or later be reached. This accounts for the somewhat smaller number of 6,743 orphans that were outplaced in 1925.

Athletics are included in every orphanage program, that the Near East may know a new generation physically equipped to instil new strength into community life.

A brief survey of conditions surrounding the orphanages of Near East Relief gives a better understanding of this problem:

Russian Armenia. With her population already 30% refugees from Turkey, Armenia was asked by the League of Nations to receive 10,000 additional Armenians from Greece, 5,000 from Constantinople, 3,000 from Bagdad, and 17,000 from Syria—or a total of 35,000 additional refugees. Armenia expressed willingness to receive 10,000 and in 1925 received 7,000 of that number. Armenia could not receive additional numbers without outside aid to reclaim additional farming area. The economic condition is improving but the above problem of rehabilitating refugees makes clear why Near East Relief undertook in November, 1925, a mandate for three years from the Republic of Armenia to continue the care of the children now in orphanages in that country.

Syria and Palestine. Approximately 15,000 persons were newly made refugees by the war against the French Mandate authorities by the Druse tribes of Syria. A refugee "city" of Armenians which had established itself in Damascus after exodus from Turkey and had become partially self-supporting was uprooted by the bombardment of Damascus, and the people became refugees again, col-

lecting principally on the sea-coast. Trade suffered the natural demoralization of war, food prices were affected, and outplacing from Near East Relief orphanages in industries and homes was checked if not entirely stopped by the conditions.

Greece and Macedonia. The cost of living in Greece, where there are a million and a half of refugees from Turkey, rose during 1925 from the index of 1,470 in June to 1,670 in October, the unit of 100 representing pre-war costs. Appeals were received by Near East Relief from seven sections of Macedonia, especially from the Governor of Kastoria, for clothing for refugee families, which advised that many had recently arrived from Turkey.

Generally, however, the refugee settlement program inaugurated for the League of Nations by the former Ambassador Morgenthau, Executive Committeeman of Near East Relief, and carried on by C. P. Howland of New York, has improved the situation as to able-bodied refugees, but a survey in 1925 showed that there were approximately 80,000 refugees, widows and children, in the Salonica region alone for whom there was no employment. The only government assistance available consisted of one drachma per day to the "poorest." A loaf of bread costs eight drachmas. A further survey showed that out of 47,216 children under 16 in the Athens refugee camps, only 9,938 were receiving any schooling whatever in the schools with a normal capacity of 6,463. One camp had 800 children under sixteen out working.

As it becomes increasingly difficult to find homes where children can be placed, a larger number have this last year been transported and established in the economic life of other countries, including Egypt, Bulgaria, the Island of Cyprus, Armenia, and France. During the past year 670 girls, both Armenian and Greek, have been transferred from Greece and Syria and placed in homes of their respective nationalities in Cairo and Alexandria, their welfare being guaranteed by a responsible committee in Cairo. More recently, approximately 120 boys have been transferred to Egypt and under the leadership of Dr. J. Morton Howell, our Minister to Egypt, a working

Howard Karagheusian Home, purchased and financed personally by M. Karagheusian of New York, a Trustee of Near East Relief, as an orphanage school for 150 boys, in memory of his son.

boys' home has been organized for them, giving them wholesome environment while they are establishing themselves in the economic life of the country. Forty-two boys have been transferred to an Armenian school on the Island of Cyprus, and several hundred children transferred during the year from Greece and Macedonia to the Armenian Republic in the Caucasus. Thirty additional boys have been transferred to the Howard Karagheusian Memorial Home in France where, with other boys, they are supported and educated at the expense of Mr. M. Karagheusian, an Armenian merchant of New York, in memory of his son. All of these outplaced children are carefully supervised and regarded as a part of the Near East Relief family, seeking to pass on to others the spirit of service and helpfulness of which they have themselves been the beneficiaries. In this way, Near East Relief indirectly but nonetheless effectively reaches families, communities, and countries beyond anything that can be suggested in orphanage statistics.

Near East League

Near East Relief is commonly and properly regarded as primarily an orphanage organization, but by far its greatest ultimate influence is outside the orphanages. Every child that has ever been enrolled in a Near East Relief orphanage is eligible for membership in the Near East League. In this League children are banded together not only for mutual helpfulness throughout life but for serv-

ice to their fellow-men and to the Near East, which is in such sore need of altruistic, unselfish leadership. Chapters of the League are formed not only in the orphanages but in important centers of population like Aleppo, Beirut, Damascus, Cairo, Salonika, and in other countries, including France, Bulgaria, Roumania, Canada and South America where the orphans have migrated. In several of these areas as well as some of the orphanages, the League publishes a simple periodical in the native language to stimulate unselfish service and loyalty to the ideals which they have had placed before them in the orphanage. The circulation of the Syrian publication, called "The Star of the Orphan World," has led to the request from other children, not from the orphanages, for permission to enter the League membership. They describe the League as "the one bright spot in a sordid life." The development of music, literature, and the arts as well as the spirit of mutual helpfulness contributes to making these leagues centers of influence in the communities in which the members live.

Education—Training for Leadership

During the twelve months ending June 30, 1925, $248,-724.68 was spent on an educational program having 577 teachers. Since July 1, 1925, under the leadership of the newly appointed educational director, Mr. George M. Wilcox, increased attention is being given to the organization of educational work especially along the lines of vocational training. A survey established the fact that, in the words of Mr. Barclay Acheson, Overseas Director, "educational efforts of the past in the Near East had produced an aristocracy of learning which does not penetrate the substrata of society." As in previous years, not to exceed 5% of the orphanage children have been selected for advanced training, but the general program of the organization has been directed to serve the children *en masse* and to equip them for efficient self-support and usefulness in the social and economic life of the country. The fact that 171 of our 577 teachers are giving their time to vocational training suggests the practical character of the education.

During the past year teachers' institutes, similar to the teachers' institutes in America, have been held in Athens, Syra, Corinth, and Oropos in Greece, at Sidon and Beirut in Syria, and at Leninakan, Russian Armenia. Some of the problems confronting educational work are suggested by the fact that in Greece it was necessary to conduct these institutes in three languages at one time, and in Syria, in two languages. These institutes not only greatly increased the efficiency of organization and instruction in our own orphanage schools but serve as sources of inspiration to other teachers of the Near East.

Special Training Schools

Two normal training schools are conducted during the year to equip the older orphans for educational work. Twenty-seven self-supporting orphan boys and girls, who were graduated in June from the orphanage normal training school at Leninakan, Armenia, were immediately employed as government teachers. The commissioner of education indicated that he could use several hundred such teachers in the educational system of the country if they were available. Twenty-five orphan boys and girls graduated from the training school at Syra qualifying at once as teachers in government schools. 110 senior orphans in the Greek area, were given advanced education for leadership in American and other schools of higher education, many of them being provided for through the personal generosity of the American personnel of the Near East Relief. 200 orphan boys, trained to operate and repair American-made tractors, are now in the government service of Armenia. 490 Greek and Armenian orphan girls at Corinth and Syra, Greece, in part through the generosity of Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, wife of the former American Ambassador to Turkey, were given a training in home economics that normally will be transmitted to hundreds of other homes and villages throughout the Near East. 1,989 boys and girls in Corinth Greece, and at the Virginia Institute of Near East Relief on the Island of Syra, received training in crafts, including metal work, mechanics, woodwork, electrical work, machinery, plumbing, shoemaking, printing, bookbinding,

A class in arithmetic on the Island of Syra. The long, barracks-like room is divided into many classrooms by the means of muslin-covered screens seen at the back of the group.

home economics, needle work, and rug-weaving. 2,700 boys and girls received a similar training in crafts for trade leadership in Russian Armenia. An additional 1,375 received this same practical crafts training in Syria and Palestine. 200 orphan girls were selected from the orphanage schools in Greece for special training in crafts in the Tebrotzassere School at Marseilles, France, under an Armenian Committee, Near East Relief providing a subsidy during the period of training.

Agricultural Training

The Agricultural Committee, under the chairmanship of Senator Arthur Capper, and with the co-operation of several state commissioners of agriculture and other recognized leaders, has fostered special agricultural training projects for that large percentage of orphan children who should retain a close relationship to direct food production. Aside from notable work in farm production, the dairy farm at Karakala has built up a herd of 360 selected grade milking cows and is recognized by the government as a leading factor in re-establishing and improving the herds and dairy industry which had been practically obliterated by the ravages of war. Under the counsel of this committee, Dr. O. S. Morgan, head of the Department of Agriculture at Columbia University, is giving his sabbatical year to a scientific study of the natural resources of the country, the land, the people, and the possible

A prize calf from an orphanage herd in the Caucasus, where Near East Relief is training boys in animal husbandry in an effort to help revive an industry that was practically obliterated by war.

methods of education and training of the orphans for the development of these resources.

Near East Industries

The most practical form of general relief has been in connection with the development of Near East Industries, giving employment to many refugee widows who otherwise would have been destitute or their children added to the list of orphans and also giving industrial training as well as employment to the older orphans, who should not longer be dependent upon orphanage funds, but who frequently are unable to find employment in the disorganized economic environment in which they are placed. Most of this industrial work is for domestic consumption and is resold locally at prices that barely repay costs of production, but in connection with this work last year $100,000.00 worth of handiwork was made by industries employing refugee women, two and a half tons of preserves were made by the orphans at Sidon, several thousand dollars worth of desks and furniture were made by the older boys at Antilyas for the American University and other institutions at Beirut, 2,254,000 pieces of worn clothing, and

349,500 pairs of shoes were reconditioned and distributed in Macedonia. Some of the work, however, is suitable for importation and is sold in America. This includes $89,000 of handiwork that was imported and sold through the New York office last year. Tourists visiting the Near East are invariably impressed with the thrift and enterprise represented in these industries, and sales to tourists on six ships last year totaled $14,500.

Medical Work

In medical work as in other phases of Near East Relief activities, it is impracticable to confine operations exclusively to the walls of the orphanages. The health of the children is inevitably associated with the health of the community in which they live.

Immediately following the assembling of 10,000 children at Kazachi Post in Armenia, the death rate among them ran as high as 200 deaths per week. Proper medical and sanitary care lowered this death rate to the point where at last report there had been less than three per thousand during an entire year.

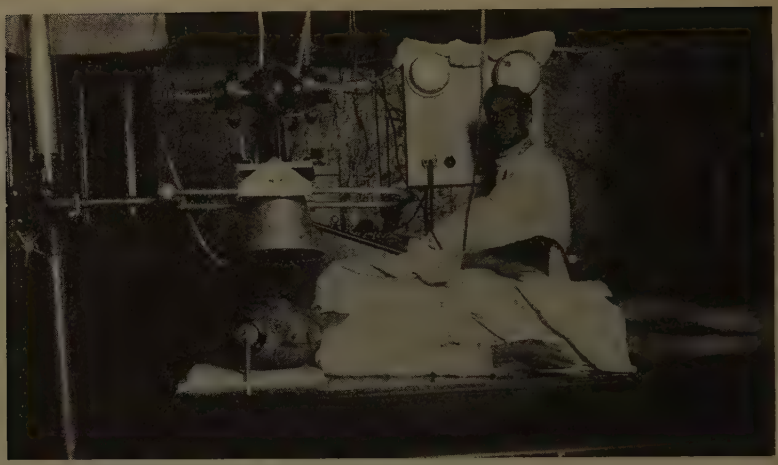
Rug-weaving, a traditional industry of the Near East, is taught in orphanage centers.

Contagious Diseases

At one time in Seversky Barracks there were 3,000 children afflicted with more or less acute trachoma. Today, trachoma has been eliminated from Seversky Barracks except for comparatively mild cases. But it is labor lost to cure these children and then place them out in homes where they are almost certain to recontract the diseases of which they have been cured. Therefore, it becomes necessary to conduct in the community and throughout the country as well as in the orphanages an educational campaign on the cause and prevention of disease. The necessity of stamping out malaria among the orphans has led to a wider service to the entire community and nation.

A notable illustration of this is found in Corinth where a devastating epidemic of malaria in the orphanage was traced to swamps outside of and at considerable distances from the orphanage grounds. Under the direction of Near East Relief doctors and nurses, using the older orphans as workmen, the swamps were cleaned, the malaria eliminated, and the town of Corinth as well as the orphanage freed from the scourge. The work was so notable that the governor of the province asked Miss Carr, the Near East Relief nurse, to frame anti-malaria laws, which he had enacted, in the interests of the health of the province. Another notable service in this connection was rendered in the Russian Caucasus where the Trans-Caucasian Government, in expressing appreciation of similar service, asked Near East Relief to provide fifteen graduate nurses to assist the Government in a program of malaria prevention near Erivan. These nurses have been in special training in tropical diseases in our nurses' school and will become important factors in raising the health standards of the nation.

In the treatment of trachoma during the year, there has been a further reduction of 17% of severe cases and 24% of mild cases among the orphan children in Greece, while the death rate among the orphan children has averaged for the year 2.23 per thousand as contrasted with 3.88 per thousand in the United States among children aged



The first X-ray machine in Armenia, which has been instrumental in making the orphanage death rate lower than that in the United States for children.

one to fourteen years. The contrast would be even more marked if it were possible to give the vital statistics or the death rate for children from one to fourteen years of age living outside the orphanages in the Near East. Unfortunately, such statistics are not available.

Reports and surveys on both trachoma and malaria in the Near East have been prepared and supplied on request to the League of Nations, and counsel given to the Turkish Red Crescent in a campaign against malaria in Turkey. In Syria, assistance has also been given through sun pavilions and other treatment to stimulate efforts against tuberculosis.

Our medical personnel at the end of the year consisted of five American doctors, ten American nurses, thirteen local doctors, 146 local nurses, and 112 probationers and helpers—total 286 medical personnel.

Nurses Training Schools

Until recently in the Near East, nursing was regarded as a menial occupation, and the trained woman nurse was practically unknown. The first nurses' training school in the Caucasus was established by Near East Relief in connection with its orphanages and the second class grad-

Students in a Near East Relief training school for nurses assisting in the operating room as part of their education.

uated in 1925. 79 orphanage girls have, during the past year, received nurses training at Leninakan, Armenia, 28 in Greece, and 7 in Syria. 120 young women, in addition to the graduating class, were given training in the nurses' training school of the Near East Relief in Athens, the Hellenic Red Cross of Greece having merged a school with Near East Relief for three months' training in preparation for emergency service. It is significant that out of 28 selected girls from the Near East Relief orphanage schools among the nurses in Greece on June 24th, 26 were fatherless and 20 were motherless and fatherless. All were deportees from Turkey where their parents did not survive the events following the late war.

Child Welfare

The need for continued child welfare and community health service is quickly revealed by any survey of refugee and social conditions in any of the areas. In all of the areas of the Near East except Anatolia, the population has a large percentage of refugees who are not indigenous to the soil and who cannot be readily assimilated in the economic life of the country. In Greece alone, a survey shows that there are 376,250 children under sixteen years of age among the refugees. In the city of

Salonika, approximately 70% of the children under sixteen, most of them in refugee camps, were receiving no schooling whatever. In 15 out of 26 camps surveyed, pneumonia, malaria, tuberculosis, and trachoma conditions were serious and unmet. Near East Relief has been enabled with special funds to conduct "creches" or day schools and nurseries and schools in four centers during the past year for the care of children while their parents or guardians are working or seeking the means of livelihood. Reading rooms have also been established for children. In one of the reading rooms alone in Armenia, the attendance in six months in 1925 was 60,000. Money, however, has not been available in the regular budget for this type of work and these results have been achieved only with limited, specially contributed funds.

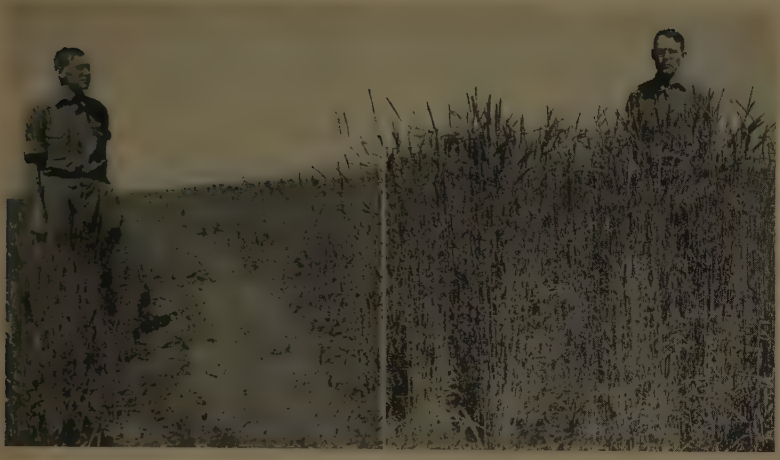
Government Co-operation

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed the continued, cordial co-operation of the various governments under whose flags the work is conducted. Despite the fact that many of our children are foreigners having no legal claim upon the hospitality of the government, we have received every assistance that could possibly be expected. Near East Relief enjoys full exemption from all customs charges, exemption from taxation, and, with certain exceptions, has the use, rent free, of valuable government buildings and exemption from customary charges on railroads and government-controlled transportation lines.

The Government of Armenia has, during the past year, not only renewed for a period of three years a mandate which involves the free use of extensive lands and buildings but has shown an increasingly cordial spirit of co-operation.

Survey Committee

At the February meeting of the Executive Committee a sub-committee was appointed to consider and submit names for the formation of a special Survey Committee to make or supervise a careful survey of the Near East for the guidance of the Executive Committee and Trustees in determining the future program. After careful consideration



Mr. Harry Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Agriculture in the Caucasus, photographed in adjacent wheat fields on the same day last summer. This grain grew from the same seed under identical conditions of soil, temperature and rainfall. The field at the left shows native cultivation; that at the right cultivation by American methods used by Near East Relief.

and many conferences, the committee submitted the following names of persons who were elected by the Executive Committee to be members of the Survey Committee:

Dr. Paul Monroe	Mr. Cleveland E. Dodge
Dr. James I. Vance	Dr. R. R. Reeder
Dr. John R. Mott	Dr. George Stewart
Prof. Otis W. Caldwell	Bishop James Cannon, Jr.
Dr. John H. Finley	Prof. Stephen P. Duggan

Eight of the above committee members have made one or more extensive visits to some or all of the areas served by the Near East Relief. Six of the members have given from one to three months to a careful inspection of most, and in some instances, all of the institutions of Near East Relief. Three of the members, and possibly others closely related to the committee, will visit the Near East and make a further study of the work during the coming summer. This committee is empowered to employ any extra assistance that may be needed to assemble and organize the information that may be needed to guide the committee in its conclusions. A number of valuable reports and preliminary surveys have already been assembled and are being studied. The report of the committee when completed will prove invaluable in determining the future policies.

Overseas Administration

Mr. Barclay Acheson, Director General Overseas, has during the year transmitted from the various areas exceedingly valuable reports of all overseas operations with important comments on social, economic and educational problems of the Near East. These reports have been duplicated and transmitted each month to all members of the Board of Trustees and others specially interested. Copies are available to anyone who may desire them as a supplement to this report.

On Mr. Acheson's recommendation the Executive Committee during the year has reorganized the overseas committee administration, co-ordinating all of the overseas operations under one advisory committee which at the present time consists of the following members:

Dr. W. W. Peet	Miss Ruth F. Woodsmall
President Bayard Dodge	Mr. Barclay Acheson
Miss Kathryn N. Adams	Mr. H. C. Jaquith
Prof. George H. Huntington	Mr. Charles W. Fowle
Dr. B. H. Hill	Mr. Joseph W. Beach

Mr. H. C. Jaquith, who since 1920 has had charge of the Constantinople-Athens Area, and who during the year under review has been honored with the highest decoration in the gift of the Greek Government, has continued his efficient administration in the Greek Area.

Mr. Charles W. Fowle, to whom is due a large part of the credit for receiving, housing and organizing the many thousands of orphans and other dependents who in 1922 fled from Anatolia at the time of the Smyrna disaster, and who since has with equal success perfected the work of the Syrian-Palestine Area, has continued during the year his direction of work in the French and English Mandate areas.

Mr. Joseph W. Beach has succeeded Captain E. A. Yarrow as director in the Armenian Area and with rare tact and devotion has won an increasing amount of local co-operation from the government and communities of Armenia where we have our largest assemblages of orphans. Persia, formerly administered as a separate area, is now administered as a sub-area under Mr. Beach, with Miss Marjorie Wilson as resident director in Tabriz.

Home Organization—Field Department and Volunteer Workers

The greatest asset of Near East Relief is its host of devoted friends in every state and city of the United States, many of whom, since the first outbreak of persecution and deportation in 1915, have contributed generously and worked faithfully for the relief of suffering. Most of them are determined to see the task through to the point where there is full spiritual fruition from the suffering and martyrdom that has characterized the past years. Near East Relief has a state committee and volunteer treasurer in practically every state in the Union, with auxiliary committees in many cities, counties, and communities.

Second only to this volunteer service of members of the Board of Trustees, Executive, state, county, and local committeemen has been the equally devoted and sacrificial service of the executive staff which during the past year has included Mr. John R. Voris, Associate General Secretary, who has represented the staff in relationships with co-operating and advisory committees of church, educational, national and fraternal organizations; Dr. William E. Doughty, Associate General Secretary, who, in addition to general duties, has had charge of the Speakers Bureau, enlisting hundreds of speakers in various states, and has also directed the inspection of overseas work by tourists and other American visitors; Mr. Barclay Acheson, Associate General Secretary and Director General Overseas, who, in addition to counsel and co-operation in general administrative matters, has rendered vitally important service in surveying, analyzing, co-ordinating, and supervising the administration of all our overseas operations; Mr. John W. Mace, National Field Director, has charge of the organization of state, county, and local committees and the supervision of field work; Mr. Alonzo E. Wilson, National Field Director, with headquarters in Chicago, has charge of all transportation problems and direction of field and other activities centering in the Middle West; Mr. Laird Archer, with unfailing faithfulness, has directed the Foreign Department, including purchasing, shipping, personnel, and general administration from the New York Office; Mr. E. C. Miller, Acting Treasurer and Comptroller,

Group activities, inspiring cooperation in play form, a new educational element introduced into the Near East in orphanage centers.

in charge of finances and accounts; Mr. Charles D. Morris, in charge of editorial and educational work; and Mrs. M. B. Horton, Director of the Service Department and Office Administration. Without these associates and department heads, the work of the past year would have been impossible.

Personnel Committee

Recognition should be given to the members of the Personnel Committee for the large amount of time and personal attention which they have given to interviews with candidates for appointment to overseas or other service. Dr. William I. Chamberlain, Mr. William B. Millar, Dr. Talcott Williams, and formerly Dr. Stanley White have given in the aggregate many days, if not weeks, of their valuable time to this important service in judging the qualifications of candidates and in endeavoring to give them as much as possible of our vision and ideals of service. The Committee has endeavored to keep clearly before all applicants that

> "No one will be happy or efficient in the employ of Near East Relief who has not faced squarely the fundamental question of life service—that it is to be for others, not for self—and who has not clearly determined the guiding principles that are to control such

an investment of life. Near East Relief gives boundless opportunities for unselfish service both at home and abroad and will appeal permanently only to those workers who have clearly come to the conclusion that they are in this world for what they can give and not for what they can get."

It is this spirit that accounts for the large amount of volunteer service that has made possible the work of the organization both in America and overseas.

Co-operating and Advisory Committees

Special acknowledgment must be made of our deep indebtedness to the members of many co-operating and advisory committees who have given time and counsel in determining policies and helping to reach effectively and economically the large constituencies which they represent. Practically all of the religious and fraternal organizations throughout the United States have not only endorsed Near East Relief, but most of them have with considerable enthusiasm and conviction pledged their support to the promotion and observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. This they do as a rule not only to help a worthy philanthropy but because of their belief in the spiritual and educational values of Golden Rule observance. Many of these societies have authorized their national officers to write to their local organizations on their own stationery, urging co-operation in the observance of Golden Rule Sunday. There are more than seventy of these national co-operating committees, representing large contributing constituencies. Among those from whom written reports have been received are the following:

Organization	*Chairman*
Women's Organizations	Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, Austin
The Parent-Teacher Association	Mrs. A. H. Reeve, Ambler, Pa.
Fraternal Organizations	Hill Montague, Richmond
Labor Organizations	Frank Morrison, Washington
Agricultural Organizations	Arthur Capper, Topeka
Armenian Organizations	M. Karagheusian, New York
Greek Organizations	J. Plastropoulos, New York
College Committee	Charles F. Thwing, Cleveland
Committee on Private Schools	Mather A. Abbott, Lawrenceville, N. J.
Public School Committee	Otis W. Caldwell, New York
Overseas Educational Committee	Paul Monroe, New York

Agricultural Education Committee
Chairman, O. S. Morgan, New York

Industrial Education Committee
Chairman, L. H. Dennis, Harrisburg, Pa.

Committee on Relationships with Social Forces in America,
Gaylord S. White, New York
Committee on Relationships with Church Social Service Groups,
Rev. Worth M. Tippy, New York
Committee on Overseas Social Welfare Work.....Homer Folks, New York
Committee on the Near East League.....Ralph M. Gwinn, New York
Federal Council of Churches.....Rev. S. M. Cavert, New York
World's S. S. Association.....Simeon B. Chapin, New York
International Council of Religious Education,
Rev. W. Edward Raffety, Chicago
Foreign Missions Conference.....Rev. Fennell P. Turner, New York
Missionary Education Movement.....Franklin D. Cogswell, New York
Religious Education Association.....Rev. Frank G. Ward, Chicago
Student Volunteer Movement .....Robert P. Wilder, New York
International Missionary Union.....H. F. Laflamme, New York
Young Men's Christian Associations.....John R. Mott, New York
Young Women's Christian Association.....Mabel Cratty, New York
World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches,
Henry A. Atkinson, New York
Committee on Religious Education and Sunday School Relationships,
Rev. W. E. Raffety, Chicago
Young People's Committee.....Rev. Daniel A. Poling, New York
Baptist Young People's Union....Rev. Herbert Waldo Hines, Springfield, Ill.
United Society of Christian Endeavor.....Rev. Daniel A. Poling, New York
Luther League of America.....Harry Hodges, Philadelphia
Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church,
Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick, Chicago
Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal Church South,
Rev. F. S. Parker, Nashville
Protestant Episcopal Young People's Movement,
Rev. John W. Suter, Jr., New York
Young People's Religious Union...Miss Mary Lawrance, Hollis, L. I., N. Y.
Young People's Christian Union....Rev. Ellsworth C. Reamon, Minneapolis
Religious Nurture Committee.....Luther A. Weigle, New Haven
Church Press Commitee.....Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Philadelphia
American Overseas Correlation Committee.....John R. Mott, New York
Overseas Church Relations Committee.....W. W. Peet, New York
Relationships with Mission Boards.....Robert E. Speer, New York
Committee on Relations with American Churches and Church Organizations .....Rev. John M. Moore, Brooklyn

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Armenian Apostolic.....Bishop Tirayre Der Hovannessian, Boston
Armenian Evangelical.....Rev. J. M. Depoyan, Providence
Adventist, Seventh Day.....Rev. J. L. Shaw, Takoma Park, D. C.
Baptist, Northern.....Rev. John M. Moore, Brooklyn
Catholic .....J. C. Curran, New York
Rev. J. J. Burke, Washington, D. C.
Church of the Brethren .....Rev. J. E. Miller, Elgin, Ill.
Christian Church .....F. R. Beach, Irvington, N. J.
Church of God .....F. G. Smith, Anderson, Indiana
Congregational .....Rev. Chester B. Emerson, Detroit
Disciples .....Rev. George A. Miller, Omaha
Greek Orthodox .....Rev. Germanos Kazakos, Brooklyn

Jewish .....Rabbi Alexander Lyons, Brooklyn
Methodist Episcopal .....Rev. Ralph W. Sockman, New York
Methodist Episcopal, South...Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Washingtton, D. C.
Methodist Free .....Bishop W. A. Sellew, Jamestown, N. Y.
Methodist Protestant .....Rev. E. A. Sexsmith, Baltimore
Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.....Rev. Sherman L. Divine, Sacramento
Presbyterian Church, U. S.....R. E. Magill, Richmond
Presbyterian United .....Rev. L. R. Free, Philadelphia
Presbyterian Reformed .....Rev. Findley M. Wilson, Philadelphia
Protestant Episcopal Church.....Rev. Wm. C. Emhardt, New York
Reformed Church in America.....Rev. I. W. Gowen, New Bergen, N. J.
Reformed Church in U. S.....Rev. Paul S. Leinbach, Philadelphia
Unitarian .....Rev. William I. Lawrance, Hollis, L. I.
United Brethren .....Rev. Chas. W. Brewbaker, Dayton, Ohio
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International Near East Association

The General Secretary attended the meeting of the International Near East Association in Stockholm, Sweden, August 23-25, where representatives of twenty-three different organizations interested in relief or child welfare work in the Near East met for conference and outlined plans for the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. One notable feature of this three-day conference was the International Golden Rule Dinner held in the Winter Garden of the Grand Hotel at Stockholm. There were present at this Golden Rule Dinner 523 guests, representing thirty-one countries and thirty-seven religious communions, including such recognized leaders as the Patriarch of Alexandria, the Dean of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Upsala, and leaders of the churches of Germany, France and other countries. While the guests differed widely in matters of politics and religion, they could and did gather around what was known as "The Golden Rule Communion Table." Dr. Speicker, of Germany, and Justice Fouget, of France, sat side by side as honorary chairmen of this International Golden Rule Dinner.

Twenty-three national societies, of which the Near East Relief is one, are now federated under the International Near East Association. In every land there are those who either because of general sympathy for the oppressed peoples of the Near East, or because of racial, religious, commercial or other ties, are especially interested in the Near East. These individuals, who in most countries are somewhat numerous, are anxious to do anything within their power to secure peace and progress in the Near East

areas. They recognize that until peace is established in the Near East there will be no permanent peace in the rest of the world. If, through the co-operation of these twenty-three national organizations and the general observance of International Golden Rule Sunday, we can secure the application of Golden Rule principles to the Near East, we may hope for a similar observance of these principles in relation to other countries and throughout the world.

International Golden Rule Sunday

Possibly the most important development in connection with Near East Relief service may prove to be the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. This is applied Christianity that, like the quality of mercy, is twice blest: it blesses him that gives and him that receives. Golden Rule Sunday was observed this year more generally than last, and volunteer co-operation was received from a large number of secular and industrial, as well as religious and fraternal organizations. Golden Rule contributions have been received from fifty countries.

Acknowledgments

To acknowledge our indebtedness to others for co-operation during the year would lead the entire distance from the White House in Washington to the remotest one-room schoolhouse on the western prairies. The hearty endorsement of International Golden Rule Sunday by President Coolidge and other international leaders, the mention of our Golden Rule obligations in the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation, the specific mention of International Golden Rule Sunday in some of the Governors' Proclamations, the special proclamations appealing for the observance of Golden Rule Sunday and Near East Relief contributions from other Governors, the formal appointment by Governors of county and local Golden Rule committees, and the volunteer service of more than 5,000 such committees throughout the United States constitute an asset which cannot be purchased or represented with money.

From almost every direction, we are geting assurances of the spiritual and educational value of the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. Public school princi-

pals, private schools, Sunday School leaders, officers of Parent Teachers Associations, fraternal organizations, women's clubs, commercial luncheon clubs, labor organizations and leaders of industry as well as churches, welcome the observance as a substantial contribution, not only to the feeding of the hungry and the saving of the lives of children in the Near East, but to the strengthening of character and the development of higher ideals of unselfish co-operation, peace and goodwill throughout the world.

Churches and religious organizations always have a place of leadership in philanthropic and humanitarian work. No less than forty-four national church bodies, including every leading religious faith—Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile, modernist and fundamentalist—have given hearty and effective co-operation in connection with the Golden Rule Near East Relief appeal.

Public School and other educational leaders have been no less pronounced in their support of an appeal which they recognize as having an educational value for the youth of America scarcely less important than the physical benefits to the unfortunate and under-privileged children of the Near East. Officers of the National Education Association, public school superintendents and teachers, the Parent Teacher Association, and others interested in the education of the children of America, as well as in better international relationships, are co-operating, recognizing the character-building value of Golden Rule observance and the opportunity it gives for enlisting the public school children in an activity that is free from all possible religious or partisan criticism.

Private school and colleges likewise, through their assemblies, fraternities, sororities, athletic associations, literary clubs, and alumni associations, welcome and encourage the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday because of its call to world brotherhood and international good will without injecting any feature to which any patron of the school or college could take exception.

The Associated Advertising Clubs of the World with all of their far-reaching related organizations heartily en-

dorse and through their advertising channels co-operate in promoting the observance of Golden Rule Sunday as they could not endorse and advertise an appeal of a more narrowly sectarian or sectional character.

Ten international and national service clubs, including, International Kiwanis, International Rotary, Civitan Clubs, Optimists, International Lions, International Associated Advertising Clubs of the World, International Exchange Clubs, Shrine Clubs, Gyro Clubs, and Columbus Clubs, heartily endorse and support the observance of International Golden Rule Sunday. In several cities these clubs have assumed the full responsibility for organizing and conducting the local Golden Rule campaigns.

Fifty-six national fraternal organizations, including Masons, Elks, Modern Woodmen of America, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Columbus, Foresters of America, I. O. O. F., Royal Arcanum, and others, not only endorse the Golden Rule appeal but in several instances have mailed the Golden Rule appeal to their members from their own stencilled lists on their own stationery over the signatures of their own national officers and at their own expense.

Among the women's organizations actively co-operating are:

The National Council of Women, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Congress of Parent Teachers, Women's Christian Temperance Union, International Order of King's Daughters and Sons, League of Business and Professional Women, Zonta Clubs, Jewish Women's Council, Lend-A-Hand Society, American Association of University Women, and many clubs.

Patriotic organizations, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans Auxiliary, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Service Star Legion, and National American War Mothers.

Fraternal organizations, including Order of the Eastern Star, Pythian Sisters, Ladies of the Macabees, and Royal Neighbors.

Many large business corporations and organizations are benevolently disposed but because of differences of relig-

ious, racial, or political affiliations are not able to unite on other benevolences. They can and do unite in giving the support of their organizations, advertising facilities, and financial aid to the Golden Rule observance. These include:

Manufacturing and producing organizations: The Institute of American Meat Packers, Macaroni Manufacturing Association, National Canners Association, Corn Products Refining Company, Postum Cereal Company, Rice Growers Association, Borden Company, Carnation Milk Products, Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Rice Millers Association, National Paper Trade Association of the United States, American Hotel Association, and many others.

Labor Unions: American Federation of Labor and all its affiliated bodies including Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, International Typographical Union, and others.

Large commercial houses: hundreds of national business organizations, including the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, J. C. Penney Stores, National Tea Company, Kroger Company, Underwood Typewriter Company, National Retail Grocers Association, Druggists Association, National Association of Retail Clothiers and Furnishers, National Wholesale Grocers of the United States, and others.

Chambers of Commerce in cities, large and small, co-operate in promoting Golden Rule campaigns.

Among the co-operating agricultural organizations are the National Grange, Farm Bureau Federation, Dairymen's League, Association of Operative Millers.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and similar character-building organizations welcome participation in Golden Rule observance as a logical part of the program of unselfish service for the development of which they are organized.

Radio Broadcasting stations and organizations welcome the International Golden Rule Sunday message on the air as one of the comparatively few messages that they can broadcast without offending the religious or partisan feelings of any of their listeners-in.

Motion picture houses not only co-operate but welcome on their screens announcements and pictures associated with Golden Rule observance.

Large electric signs in various cities and 7,000 billboards throughout the United States are placed without charge at the command of the Golden Rule Committee for a Golden Rule message reaching many millions of people, possibly a majority of the citizens of the United States.

Street car cards advertising Golden Rule Sunday are placed, without expense to relief funds, in all of the street cars of the United States.

Hotels, banks and other more or less public business enterprises throughout the United States co-operated heartily in presenting to their patrons the Golden Rule appeal as they could not possibly have presented a more restricted appeal.

Most of these organizations, with some modifications, are quite prepared to continue their co-operation as is indicated by two or three typical quotations from the reports submitted by co-operating and advisory committees.

From National Education Council

"We urge that an even greater emphasis than in the past be placed upon the Golden Rule Campaign in connection with the Near East program. Generally the teachers, superintendents and boards are very sympathetic towards creating in the hearts of the children an international idealism well typified by the ideal of the Golden Rule."

From the World's Sunday School Committee

"We expect to continue to appeal to the Sunday Schools of America as long as the Near East orphan children need our care to sustain their life. We have been glad to include the Golden Rule idea in our Fall campaign, and believe that it has given new incentive to contributions."

From the Young Men's Christian Association

"The Golden Rule observance furnished a good opportunity for co-operation by the Associations in this country. It has been the practice of the Y. M. C. A. during the three observances so far to send an annual letter to the General Secretaries over the country and to most of the Foreign Secretaries. This practice will probably be continued. "Dr. John R. Mott has been serving as the Chairman of the Y. M.

C. A. Committee for Near East Relief, as an active member of the Golden Rule Committee and is one of the Board of Trustees."

From National Young People's Societies

"Under the auspices of and guidance of this committee, Golden Rule campaigns, adapted to each denomination, and with printed circulars to correspond to each Young People's Organization, have been promoted for the last three years.

"The Near East Relief and the International Golden Rule Sunday Campaign have been given a place in four of the great conventions during the past year: The Baptist Young People's Union, the World Christian Endeavor Convention, the Luther League of America, and the Episcopal Young People's Fellowship.

* * * "But the co-operation in the Golden Rule Sunday Campaign was the most spectacular development. In this campaign, the various state and district executive offices, co-operated with the National Offices in arousing an interest throughout the country on the part of local societies. Without any doubt the general effect of this campaign has been to arouse the interest of the Young People of the churches of America not only in the Near East lands but in international relationship. In turn, we have reason to believe that the Young People's Societies have stimulated a general community interest in the Golden Rule campaign for Near East Relief.

"So great has been this interest, I believe that we can promise for the Young People of America a more thorough-going co-operation this coming year than in any past year."

This co-operation from organizations of all types is secured on the broad, universal appeal of the Golden Rule. These co-operating organizations recognize the unique prior claims of the Near East orphans, though most of them have a wider world interest.

The Golden Rule Children of the Near East

In every orphanage of the Near East Golden Rule Sunday was a day of special self denial as well as rejoicing. Their frugal meal was shared with those orphans in the refugee camps or outside of orphanages who were less fortunate than those within. An especially impressive, as well as artistic, memorial came bearing the signature of approximately 10,000 children in Armenia in which they pledged themselves not only to "observe Golden Rule Sunday by sharing food with others, but to live throughout life according to the good principles of the Golden Rule, and always to remember the needs of those who are less fortunate than

we." May these not truly be called *the Golden Rule children of the Near East*, binding together by cords of Golden Rule fellowship and goodwill the children of the East and the children of the West, aspiring and working together to make a new Near East and a better world.

International Goodwill and World Peace

The greatest service of Near East Relief has not been the feeding of children or the saving of physical life. The future peace and prosperity of the world depends fundamentally upon goodwill *in the hearts* of individual citizens of the world. Parliaments cannot decree nor armies and navies enforce international goodwill, but Golden Rule deeds of kindness will ultimately succeed where force fails. The international expression of Golden Rule goodwill leaves an indelible impress upon the lives of the benefactors as well as upon the lives of the beneficiaries; in fact, there is a question as to who is the greater beneficiary—the child who gives or the child who receives. In an incredibly short space of time the children of today will be the leaders and rulers of the nations of which they are now the junior citizens. These children grip the future. The work of Near East Relief can be judged adequately only in the next generation when it will be known whether we have succeeded in planting in the hearts of future world citizens and leaders that fundamental international understanding and goodwill upon which abiding world peace and progress depend.

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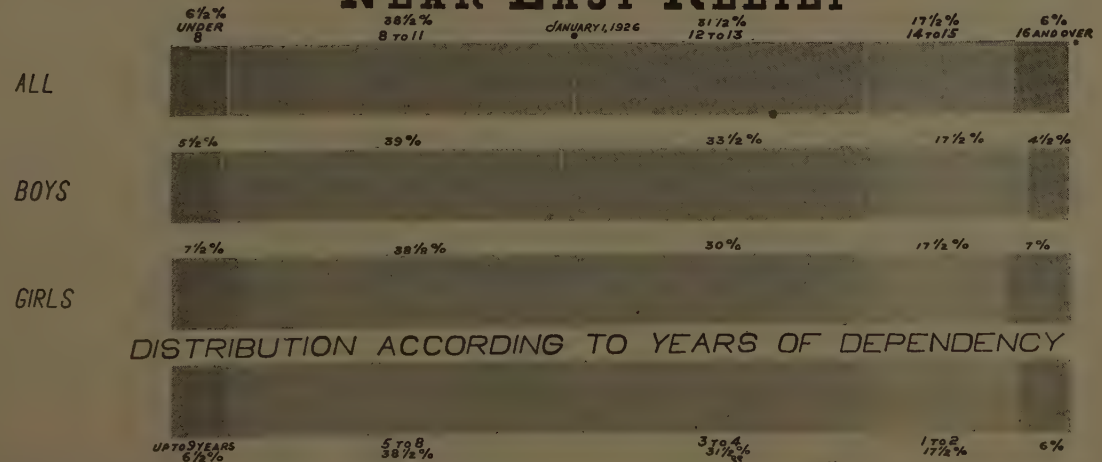
DISTRIBUTION OF ORPHANS BY AGE

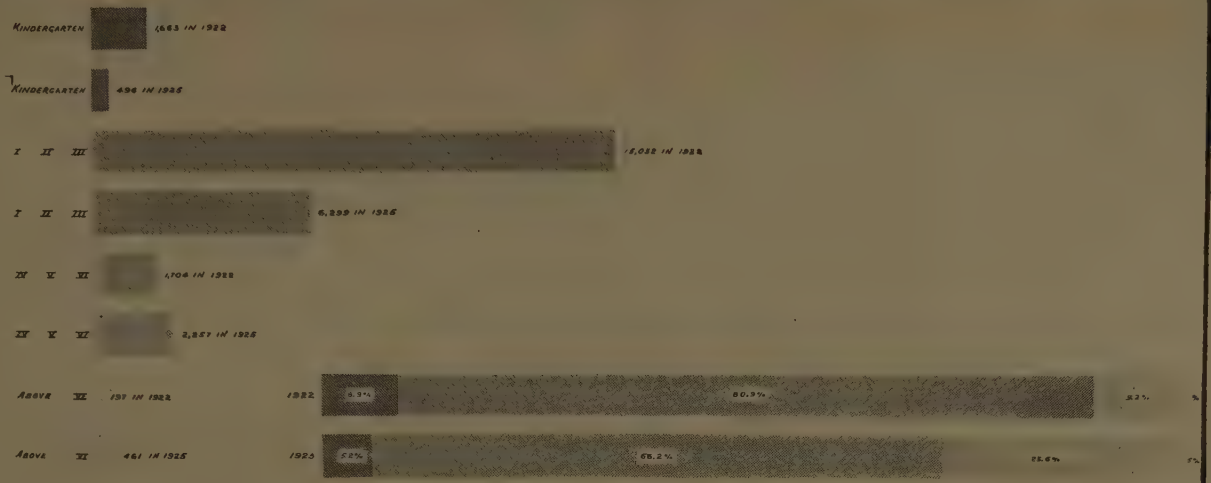
NEAR EAST RELIEF



- 69 % OF ALL THE CHILDREN ARE STILL UNDER TEEN AGE.
- THIS PERCENTAGE IS SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR DUE CHIEFLY TO THE PROBLEM OF SENIOR GIRLS WITHOUT ECONOMIC OUTLET AND ALSO TO THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF DISCHARGING SENIOR BLIND ORPHANS UNTIL THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE THREE AREAS ARE ABLE TO PERFECT PLANS FOR THEIR CARE.

PROGRESS IN EDUCATION IN THE CAUCASUS

AS PRACTICALLY NO NEW ORPHANS ARE BEING TAKEN, IN THE NUMBER IN KINDERGARTEN GRADE HAS STEADILY DECREASED



THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON SCHOOL WORK IS REFLECTED IN THE STEADY INCREASE IN THE ENROLLMENT IN THE HIGHER GRADES BOTH IN ACTUAL NUMBERS AND BY PERCENTAGES.

TRACHOMA IN THE BEIRUT AREA

(SYRIA AND PALESTINE)

A FEW YEARS AGO THE MAJORITY OF THE ORPHANS HAD TRACHOMA

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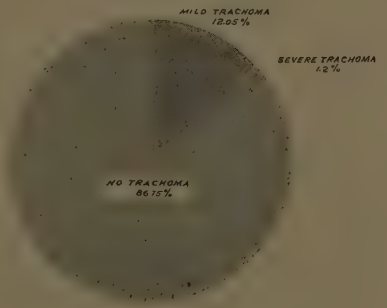

THIS REDUCTION HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT ONLY WELL CHILDREN ARE EVER "OUTPLACED."

69% OF THE REFUGEES IN SYRIA HAVE TRACHOMA.
TRACHOMA IS THE MOST PREVALENT DISEASE IN PALESTINE AND COMES NEXT TO MALARIA IN ITS ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE.
IN SOME DISTRICTS 97% OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE AFFECTED.

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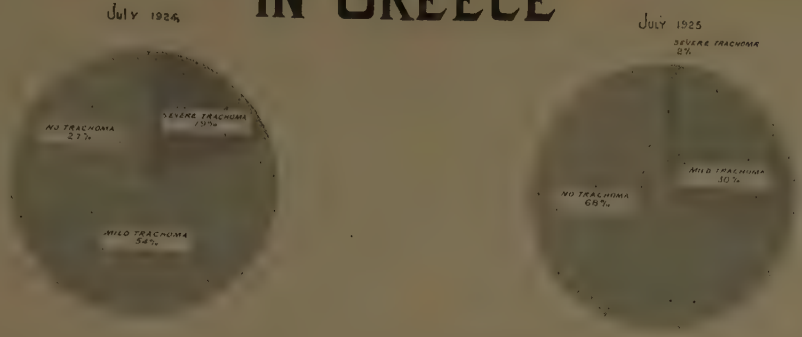
PROGRESS IN ERADICATING TRACHOMA IN NEAR EAST RELIEF ORPHANAGES IN GREECE



THE CHILDREN RECEIVED INTO ORPHANAGES DURING THE PERIOD OF EMERGENCY HOUSING FOLLOWING THE SMYRNA DISASTER NEARLY ALL OF THEM HAD TRACHOMA. THOSE RECEIVED IN THE LAST EVACUATION, LATE IN 1924 WERE PARTICULARLY BAD. THE PROGRESS MADE DURING TWELVE MONTHS DEMONSTRATES BOTH THE SOUNDNESS AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THE TREATMENT USED IN FIGHTING THIS SCOURGE OF THE NEAR EAST.

CHILDREN IN REFUGEE CAMPS NEAR ATHENS

47,216 CHILDREN UNDER 16

CONDITIONS AS REPORTED IN CAREFUL SURVEY MADE IN THE SUMMER OF 1925 BY

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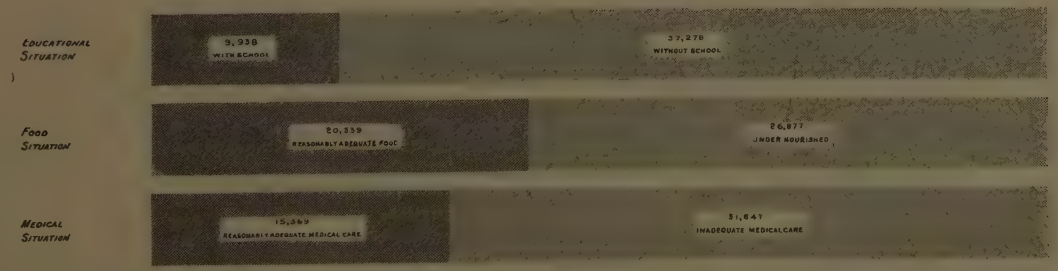
FOR

NEAR EAST RELIEF



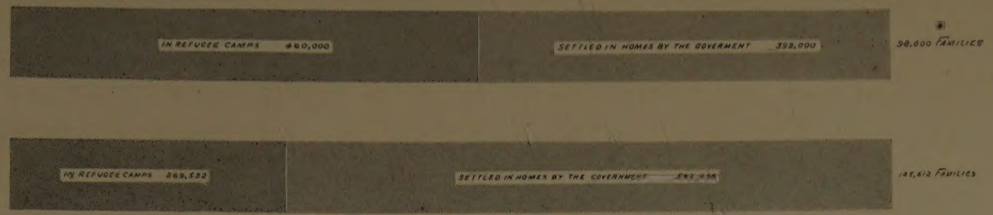
OF THESE VARIOUS CAMPS WHERE MEDICAL SUPERVISION IS INADEQUATE THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS ARE USED "PNEUMONIA IS BAD." "THERE IS MUCH TYPHOID AND MALARIA." "TRACHOMA BAD"

THE SURVEY PROVES THAT-

1-GREECE HAS NOT FULLY RECOVERED FROM THE INFLUX OF REFUGEES.

2-AN INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IS NEEDED TO PREPARE ORPHANS FOR SELF SUPPORT.

Progress in Settlement of Refugees in Homes



THE LARGE NUMBER STILL IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN SPITE OF THE HEROIC EFFORTS OF THE GREEK GOVERNMENT* DEMONSTRATES THE NECESSITY FOR INTENSIVE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR THE ORPHANS.

*WITH THE COOPERATION AND AID OF THE REFUGEE SETTLEMENT COMMISSION OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS. THIS COMMISSION WAS FIRST ORGANIZED AND ITS POLICIES DEFINED UNDER EX-AMBASSADOR HENRY MORGENTHAU, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEAR EAST RELIEF.